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North Dakota Department of Health Hosts Child Passenger Safety Conference

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health’s Child Passenger Safety Program is sponsoring the “Celebrating 30 Years of Buckling up Children” Child Passenger Safety Conference, October 1 & 2, 2013, at the Ramada Bismarck, in Bismarck, N.D. The conference is targeted to people who work in law enforcement, emergency medical services, traffic safety, public and private health, child care providers, social workers and others who transport children or who educate others about child passenger safety. The conference is open to anyone interested in promoting child passenger safety in North Dakota.

The objective of the conference is to create an interactive educational opportunity to receive the latest information about child passenger safety, including technical advancements with child passenger safety and best practices. Keynote speakers and topics include:

- Denise Donaldson, Editor of Safe Ride News Publications: “LATCH Update 2013” – the current status of the LATCH manual will be explored including use of multiple vehicle seating positions in one vehicle, use of the center rear seating position and how use is limited by child weight. “Global Survey of CPS Products, Practices and Policies” – this presentation considers how the problem of providing a safe way for children to ride has been addressed by differing sets of products, laws and practices in countries and regions around the world.
- Carol Meidinger, child passenger safety consultant and a nationally-certified child passenger safety instructor: “Celebrating 30 Years of Buckling Up Children” – thirty years ago, the North Dakota Legislature passed a law requiring young children to ride buckled up. This session will highlight historical points in children passenger protection and will show the progression of child restraint products through the years.
- Lorrie Walker, Training and Technical Advisor Safe Kids Worldwide: “The Magic Number Two: The American Academy Of Pediatrics Recommendations” – will highlight the recommendations from both the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for child passenger safety best practices. Data-driven, new guidance urged caregivers to make changes to the way children had been transported.

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- Deb Hanson, Pediatric Trauma Program Coordinator, Sanford Hospital: “Were They Appropriately Restrained? Case Studies” – pediatric patient cases presented will demonstrate examples of correct and incorrect restraint usage, and will include injuries sustained and recent statistical data.

Several breakout sessions will also be featured including topics as school bus/15-passenger van safety, special needs car seats, transporting children in emergency vehicles, new vehicle safety technology, rural child passenger safety issues, crash scene investigations and more.

To learn more about the conference or to register, visit www.ndhealth.gov/injury/trainings.htm or call Dawn Mayer at 328.4536 or 800.472.2286.

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